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MEMORANDUM FOR: [] (OIR)

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SUBJECT : Post-Mortem on NIE-72: "Probable Developments
in the Union of South Africa," dated 20 October 1952

1. Background

At the recommendation of the Board, the IAC on 21 May 1952 directed the initiation of NIE-72; terms of reference were approved by the IAC agencies on 24 June; contributions were received by 26 July; the Board draft was distributed to the IAC representatives on 30 September; and the final text was approved by the IAC on 16 October.

2. Intelligence Gaps

No critical intelligence gaps were encountered in the estimate. However, it would be desirable to have much firmer evidence concerning the nature and extent of the organization, leadership, plans, and resources of the developing non-European groups, particularly native groups. It would also be desirable to have more evidence on the ties, if any, between these South African groups and other native groups elsewhere in Africa. We believe that the agencies chiefly concerned, particularly OIR, are aware of this problem and that further data will become available through regular intelligence channels. Therefore, we do not believe that either a post mortem meeting or IAC sponsorship of a special collection effort is required.

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3. Recommendations:

- a. That no special post-mortem meeting be held on NIE-72; and
- b. That the IAC Agencies note the above intelligence gaps and ensure that their research and collection activities take whatever measures seem necessary to fill these gaps.

4. Action:

Please telephone your concurrence (or non-concurrence) in the above recommendations to the undersigned by close of business Tuesday, 13 January.

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